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MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - February 2, 2009

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, agendas for the following meeting were mailed to all members of Council, County Attorney Richard Ness, Lower Savannah COG, The Advertiser-Herald, The Times and Democrat, and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the County Courthouse.

Bamberg County Council met 6:30 p.m., February 2, 2009, in the Bamberg County Council Building. Present: Chairman Clair P. Guess, III, Councilmen Isaiah Odom, Clint Carter, Chris Wilson, William Nimmons, and Councilwoman Dorothy C. Tatum. Absent: Councilwoman Alzena Robinson. Others Present: Administrator Rose N. Dobson-Elliott, Thomas M. Thomas, Richard Ness, Sarah Noel, Roy Vinson, Calvin Wright, Dionne Gleaton, Jerry Holman, Lou Ann Carter, Henry Maynard, James Padgett, Kell Anderson, Martha Guess, Jim Tobul and Jennifer Dole.

Bamberg County Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Guess at 6:30 p.m., in the Bamberg County Council Building. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Councilwoman Dorothy Tatum, followed with invocation by Councilman Isaiah Odom.

On motion by Councilwoman Tatum, seconded by Councilman Odom, council approved the minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting.

On motion by Councilwoman Tatum, seconded by Councilman Nimmons, the agenda was approved after adding the following: 1) F-5 - Southern Carolina Alliance Advisory Board Appointment, 2) G-3 - Report from Councilman Nimmons Regarding Bamberg County Council On Aging Transportation, 3) Appointment of a By-Laws Committee, 4) 1-4 - Consideration of NACo Conference Attendance, and the removal of 1-3 - Discussion of Rosebud Lane located in Denmark (Tabled).

Mr. Roy Vinson, chief executive officer of the Bamberg County Hospital and Nursing Center, said the hospital is revamping its 24-7 hospitality program following the resignation of one of its physicians. Previously, two physicians were working every other week, one physician has resigned. The hospital is seeking to find one other physician in order to have an every-four-week rotation. Mr. Vinson also reported the Schumacher Group, which oversees the emergency department, recently appointed a medical director. That person will work directly representing all of the emergency physicians. Mr. Carl Menist, chief financial officer of Bamberg County Hospital, said the hospital and nursing center showed a profit of \$43,157 for December, with \$19,000 coming from the hospital and \$24,000 coming from the nursing center. Year-to-date, they are at a profit of \$221,000, with \$168,000 coming from the hospital and \$53,000 coming from the nursing center. Councilman Carter asked Mr. Vinson for information regarding the salary of the Low Country person that is being compensated at the hospital. Mr. Vinson was not familiar with the request and Councilman Carter asked him to have that information included in the Council's March agenda packet.

Chief Executive Director Calvin Wright was present to inform the Council of what is offered by OCAB for the citizens of Bamberg County. They offer a Head Start Program (134 children and a staff of 21) and a neighborhood center and a staff of 1. OCAB served 118

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